



SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE

Under Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer



Overview

The City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department encompasses all fire, emergency medical, lifeguard and emergency management services. This includes 9-1-1 services, fire inspections, permits and community education.

Our mission is to serve all San Diegans by providing the highest level of emergency/rescue services, hazard prevention and safety education ensuring the protection of life, property and the environment.

Strengthening the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Investments in recruitment, retention & training under Mayor Faulconer:

RAISES FOR FIREFIGHTERS

\$ 3.3%
COMPENSATION
INCREASES
in FY 2019 and FY 2020

Expansion of the 50-60 member
Fire Cadet Program to a
200-250
MEMBER PROGRAM

MAYOR REINSTATED FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT'S GIRLS EMPOWERMENT CAMP

Camp Provides Opportunities for
Youth to Experience Firefighting,
With Attention to Empowering Girls
Due to Underrepresentation of
Women in Firefighting



INVESTMENTS IN FIRE ACADEMIES

TOTAL **\$14M+**



CAPACITY TO TRAIN MORE FIREFIGHTERS

FY15: THREE fire academies with **36** recruits each

FY16: THREE fire academies: two with **36** recruits each and one with **48** recruits

FY17: TWO expanded fire academies with **48** recruits each

FY18: TWO fire academies: one with **24** recruits and one with **36** recruits

FY19: TWO fire academies with **36** recruits each

FY20: THREE fire academies budgeted (one deferred to FY21 due to COVID) with **36** recruits each

STAFFING LEVELS IN 2013 COMPARED TO 2020 FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND LIFEGUARDS



100+

Sworn Fire Fighters



27+

Sworn Lifeguards



Improving Communications Under Mayor Faulconer



AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (DISPATCHER PICK UP)

Currently 911 calls are answered
in less than 15 seconds
96.55%
of the time

STAFFING LEVELS

Under Mayor Faulconer the Fire-Rescue
Emergency Command and Data Center
staffing levels were expanded from



35 - 51
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

OVERALL RESPONSE TIMES IMPROVEMENT

911 call centers
expected to
answer calls
within 15 seconds
95% of the time.



UNDER MAYOR FAULCONER THE CALL
ANSWER TIMES WERE IMPROVED FROM

92% to 97%



Battling Fires across the County and State

NUMBER OF FIRES SDFD DEPLOYED TO IN 2020



SDFD personnel responded to **27**
out-of-city incidents (most involved
multiple personnel). All were wildfires
except one which was a hurricane.



SDFD personnel participated in **37**
out-of-city strike teams. This includes
six that were within our county.

More than just battling fires and conducting rescues



There's more to the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department than fighting fires. For example, the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** trains citizen volunteers to become a vital link to safety in a disaster.

The **Community Risk Reduction Division**, headed by a Deputy Fire Chief/ Fire Marshal, is one of the Department's most diverse in the various services it offers. It conducts **more than 20,000** annual inspections and issues fire code permits, develops safety policies and guidelines for residents and businesses.

More than 80% of the emergency calls the Department responds to are medical aids. The emergency medical services provided to the citizens of San Diego is a vital part of the mission of the Fire-Rescue Department.



Lifeguards

San Diego Fire-Rescue isn't just focused on battling fires, they also help keep our beaches clean and save lives.



NUMBER OF LIFEGUARD RESCUES SINCE 2014

45,243
WATER RESCUES



546
CLIFF RESCUES



GRANTS AWARDED TO
SDFD LIFEGUARD DIVISION

\$1.3M

Breakdown:

AWARDED PORT SECURITY GRANT FOR \$750K for a new \$1Million Multi Rescue Vessel (Fireboat with enhanced capabilities)

AWARDED \$250,000 FROM THE RESOURCE LEGACY FUND to protect the Marine Life Protected Areas in San Diego City waters.

AWARDED \$174,000 (\$120K IN FY20 AND \$54K IN FY19) in SAVE grant to clean up derelict vessels on Mission Bay.

AWARDED \$112,000 for one patrol boat

AWARDED \$60,000 for abandoned vessel abatement



FACTS AND FIGURES

343 square miles



POPULATION:

1,419,845

17 MILES

of coastline extending

3 MILES offshore

4,600 ACRES
around Mission Bay Park



9 permanent lifeguard stations

31 seasonal stations during peak period

49 fire stations

2 squads

1 air operations facility





**INVESTMENTS IN FIRE-RESCUE INFRASTRUCTURE:
DELIVERING THE TOOLS NEEDED TO GET THE JOB
DONE EFFICIENTLY**



**FOUR NEWLY BUILT MAIN LIFEGUARD
OBSERVATION TOWERS:** La Jolla Shores,
Children's Pool, La Jolla Cove, South Mission Beach

**FOUR NEW SEASONAL TOWERS
(FIBERGLASS) ON MISSION BAY:** Bonita
Cove, Ventura Cove, Leisure Lagoon,
De Anza Cove.

TOTAL LIFEGUARD APPARATUS IN 2020: **98**

37 Vehicles

- 1** Cliff Rescue Specialty Apparatus
- 7** In Surf Rescue Vessels
- 3** Bay Patrol Vessels
- 3** Fire Boats
- 16** Personal Watercraft (Jet skis)
- 16** Utility Terrain Vehicles
- 15** All - terrain Vehicles

NEW, REBUILT, RENOVATED FIRE STATIONS SINCE 2014



10 **SINCE MAYOR FAULCONER
TOOK OFFICE IN 2014**
3-new, 3-rebuilt, 4-remodeled

NEW FIRE STATION 45 - Mission Valley (2015)

NEW FIRE STATION 2 - Downtown (2018)

NEW FIRE STATION 50 - University City (2020)

REBUILT FIRE STATION 17 - City Heights (2017)

REBUILT FIRE STATION 5 - Hillcrest (2018)

REBUILT FIRE STATION 22 - Point Loma (2018)

REMODELED FIRE STATION 3 - Little Italy (2020)

REMODELED FIRE STATION 8 - Mission Hills (2019)

REMODELED FIRE STATION 9 - La Jolla (2018)

REMODELED FIRE STATION 15 - Ocean Beach (2018)

INVESTMENTS IN NEW, STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT

What we have available today: new or
replaced apparatus

\$19.7M

New Sikorsky Firehawk -
in service in FY19

Replacement of self-contained
breathing apparatus equipment for
Fire-Rescue Department personnel,

\$6.4M

In addition to the 10 engines currently being
outfitted, Fire-Rescue and the City's Fleet Division
have purchased 33 new fire apparatus, including:

- 26** Fire Engines
- 6** Ladder Trucks
- 4** Brush Engines
- 1** Urban Search & Rescue apparatus
- 2** Hazmat Response apparatus
- 2** Light & Air
- 1** New helicopter

